

CITY OF CORAL GABLES ADVISORY BOARD ON DISABILITY AFFAIRS
 CORAL GABLES YOUTH CENTER – CONFERENCE ROOM
 WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 2016 8:00 A.M.

- MEETING MINUTES -

MEMBERS	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	APPOINTED BY:
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Sally Baumgartner	P	P	P	*	*	*	*	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	James C. Cason
Patricia Sowers	P	P	P	*	*	*	*	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	Patricia Keon
William Beckham	P	P	P	*	*	*	*	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	Vince Lago
Richard Whittington	E	P	P	*	*	*	*	E	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	Frank C. Quesada
Marie-Ilene Whitehurst								P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	Jeannette Slesnick

P – Present
E – Excused Absence
A – Absent
(-) – No Appointment
(*) – No Meeting

STAFF:

1. Lorena Garrido, Public Works Department

GUEST:

1. Craig E. Leen, City Attorney
2. Debbie Dietz, Disability Independence Group
3. Dayron Garcia, Plans Processor Lead, Development Services
4. Jorge Pino, Plans Processor, Development Services
5. Charles Wu, Assistant Development Services Director
6. Ernie Martinez, Center for Independent Living (C.I.L.S.F.)

CITIZEN ADVISORS:

1. Bonnie Blaire
2. Katie Kreter

CALL TO ORDER:

Ms. Baumgartner called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m.

MEETING ABSENCE: None.

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:

- **March 2, 2016 Meeting Minutes**

Dr. Whittington moved to approve the March 2, 2016 meeting minutes. Mr. Beckham second the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: None.

BOARD-RELATED COMMISSION ITEMS:

Mrs. Blaire mentioned that minutes discussing the Sorenson Video Relay Service phone installation will be presented at the April 26th City Commission meeting.

Mr. Leen, City Attorney, made a special appearance to discuss an upcoming resolution being presented at the April 26th City Commission meeting. He stated that on Tuesday, for Autism Awareness Month, the City will be presenting two proclamations: 1- UM-NSU CARD (Center for Autism & Related Disabilities) and; 2- Crystal Academy (academy for children with autism). In conjunction with these proclamations, the City will be adding a resolution being sponsored by Commissioner Keon. She wanted the resolution to focus on the principle of inclusion, beyond accommodations. The purpose of this is to encourage the City, departments, and City staff to go above and beyond to include individuals with disabilities and special needs. This resolution would also empower the Coral Gables Advisory Board on Disability Affairs, the School & Community Relations Committee as well as City staff to do more for individuals with disabilities in the community.

Mr. Leen circulated the resolution for the Board to review and comment.

Mr. Beckham made a motion to support this resolution with changes of inclusion for all disabilities, the mention of October being disability awareness month and allowing the Coral Gables Advisory Board on Disability Affairs to prepare a resolution for October. Mrs. Sowers second the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Leen reiterated that the Board can prepare a resolution, to include broader policies and ideas, for presentation at October's Commission meeting.

CITY UPDATE: None.

BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS:

Mrs. Baumgartner shared informational articles with the Board. Mrs. Whitehurst also shared an article from the Florida Villager in which her husband appears on the cover. She mentioned the article recognizes her husband for his support of UMCARD as well as his non-profit organization that assists with employment opportunities for autistic individual.

PROGRAM:

Mobile Permit Service Presentation by Development Services Department

Mr. Wu introduced Mr. Pino and Mr. Garcia who developed the Mobile Permit Service. The idea is to provide a concierge-type of permit service at the resident's home in order to expedite or close-out pending permit issues. They will handle all the paperwork needed to address permit related issues. There are some parameters of those who qualify for this service and it includes: senior citizens, physically disabled citizens, citizens under the Victim's Assistance Program amongst others listed in the information provided to the Board. Currently this service is being handled on a part-time basis. However, if there's more demand, additional full-time personnel will be needed. Mr. Wu suggested for the Board to pass along this information to those who may need this service.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mrs. Baumgartner asked Mrs. Blaire to expand on the Sorenson Video Relay Service (SVRS) phone system. She provided a hand out with information and explanation on how the SVRS works. She added there are only two of these systems in Miami-Dade County and thanked the C.I.L.S.F. for assisting the City in making this happen.

Mrs. Blaire also updated on the American Sign Language (ASL) program to be offered at the Youth Center, as a summer camp. In partnership with the C.I.L.S.F, counselors and kids will be taught basic American Sign Language this summer. Funds from the collected Parking Fines will be used for this program.

Mrs. Blaire mentioned that the City of Coral Gables Police Department has a contract for video relay interpreters, for signing, and that officers use tablets for this service. She suggested for a test run to ensure all City emergency units have these tablets and that they are functioning. Officer Denham will be informed to coordinate.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 a.m.

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, May 4, 2016, 8:00 am to be held at the *Coral Gables Youth Center's 2nd Floor Conference Room.*